

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 PORT A 01175 162138Z

12

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 EA-06 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07

L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06

AID-05 AGR-05 EB-07 COME-00 TRSE-00 SR-02 ORM-01

MMS-01 /082 W

----- 063934

R 162104Z MAY 75

FM AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9828

INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

USCINCSO

C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT AU PRINCE 1175

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OCON, PFOR, XM, HA

SUBJECT: US-JAPANESE CONSULTATIONS ON LATIN AMERICA

REF: STATE 107241

1. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT HEARD THE VIEWS OF THE NEW GOH COMMERCE & INDUSTRY SECRETARY (FRANCOIS MURAT) REGARDING GOH-GOJ RELATIONS, WE ASSUME THAT GENERALLY THEY FOLLOW THOSE ENUNCIATED PRIVATELY BY HIS PREDECESSOR AND EVEN ALLUDED TO PUBLICLY BY PRESIDENT DUVALIER DURING JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TAKASHI SUZUKI'S PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS IN HAITI LAST FEBRUARY (PAUP 319). THESE CONCERNS ARE THAT THE GOJ IS LONG OVERDUE (A) IN PROVIDING HAITI WITH ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, (B) IN ENCOURAGING JAPANESE PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN HAITI, AND (C) IN REDRESSING THE INBALANCE OF TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. SINCE JAPANESE AID AND INVESTMENT IN HAITI AND LARGER PURCHASES OF HAITIAN EXPORTS WOULD FURTHER USG POLICY OBJECTIVES IN HAITI, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO POINT OUT HAITIAN CONCERNS TO GOJ OFFICIALS.

2. TRADE IMBALANCE - THE PREVIOUS COMMERCE SECRETARY, SERGE FOURCAND, WAS OUTSPOKENLY ANTI-GOJ. FOURCAND PRIVATELY CLAIMED

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PORT A 01175 162138Z

LAST YEAR THAT IN 1973 HAITI PURCHASED OVER \$12 MILLION OF GOODS

AND SERVICES FROM JAPAN, WHILE IN TURN SELLING ALMOST NOTHING TO JAPAN. HE ADDED DISINGENUOUSLY THAT WERE IT NOT FOR THE TRADE DEFICIT WITH JAPAN, HAITI WOULD NOT HAVE A BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEM -- CONVENIENTLY OVERLOOKING THAT PRESUMABLY HAITI WOULD HAVE BOUGHT THE GOODS ELSEWHERE HAD JAPAN NOT BEEN THE VENDOR. FOURCAND REPEATED HIS CONCERN OVER THE GROWING HAITIAN-JAPANESE TRADE IMBALANCE IN JANUARY 1975, INDICATING HE WAS SERIOUSLY STUDYING HOW TO RESTRICT OR PENALIZE JAPANESE IMPORTS THROUGH QUOTAS OR TARIFF PENALTIES UNTIL THE GOJ BECOME MORE FORTHCOMING IN ITS ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH HAITI.

3. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE/INVESTMENT - WHEN THE GOH ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH JAPAN IT HAD HIGH HOPES OF OBTAINING JAPANESE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND OF WELCOMING SIGNIFICANT PRIVATE JAPANESE INVESTMENT. WHEN THESE HOPES PROVED UNREALISTIC, BILATERAL RELATIONS SOURED. HAITI FELT THAT GOJ INDIFFERENCE TOWARD HAITI WAS SYMBOLIZED BY ITS FAILURE TO ESTABLISH A RESIDENT EMBASSY IN PORT-AU-PRINCE, AND IN RETALIATION THE GOH MAINTAINS A CONSUL GENERAL RATHER THAN AN AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO. FOURCAND CLAIMED BITTERLY LAST YEAR THAT JAPAN WAS GENEROUS WITH HER AID OUTSIDE ASIA ONLY IN BRAZIL, WHERE JAPAN HAD CONSIDERABLE COMMERCIAL INTERESTS.

4.U.S. POLICY OBJECTIVES - THE US SUPPORTS PRESIDENT DUVALIER'S POLICY OF "OPENNESS" IN FOREIGN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BECAUSE THE GOH IS WOOING NEW INTERNATIONAL SOURCES OF INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AS WELL AS OPENING UP NEW MARKETS FOR HAITIAN GOODS. IN ADDITION TO ITS TOUGH B/P PROBLEM, HAITI IS THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE'S POOREST NATION, AND IT NEEDS ALL THE AID AND TRADE HELP IT CAN GET. MOREOVER, AS THE GOH INCREASES ITS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LINKS INTERNATIONALLY, IT HAS MORE REASON TO PURSUE DOMESTIC ECONOMIC AND HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES THAT ARE VIEWED FAVORABLY ABROAD.

5. PROSPECTS - THE GOJ TOOK A MAJOR STEP LAST FEBRUARY IN SALVING WOUNDED HAITIAN PRIDE BY OPENING A RESIDENT EMBASSY IN PORT-AU-PRINCE. IF GOJ CHARGE TSUJINO, BACKED BY NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADOR SUZUKI, HAS ANY LUCK IN ARRANGING FOR A GOJ AID MISSION TO VISIT HAITI AND IN ENCOURAGING PRIVATE INVESTORS TO CONSIDER HAITIAN PROJECTS, WE BELIEVE THAT BILATERAL RELATIONS

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 PORT A 01175 162138Z

WILL IMPROVE CONSIDERABLY, AND THAT GOH CONCERN OVER ITS TRADE IMBALANCE WITH JAPAN WILL NOT LEAD TO ILL-ADVISED GOH ATTEMPTS TO CURB JAPANESE-ORIGIN IMPORTS. FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY EDNER BRUTUS ADVISED PRIVATELY ON MAY 16 THAT HE HAS TENTATIVELY DECIDED TO TAKE UP STANDING INVITATIONS TO VISIT TAIWAN, SOUTH COREA AND "POSSIBLY JAPAN" IN JULY, RATHER THAN ATTEND THE OAS FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN COSTA RICA (SEPTEL). WE BELIEVE THAT A VISIT BY BRUTUS TO JAPAN THIS SUMMER WOULD BE MOST OPPOTUNE,

AND HOPE THAT THE GOJ WILL ENCOURAGE BRUTUS TO COME.
THOMSON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MEETING AGENDA, FOREIGN RELATIONS, TRADE, FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 MAY 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: johnsorg
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975PORTA01175
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: DG ALTERED
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750174-0111
From: PORT AU PRINCE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750545/aaaabocg.tel
Line Count: 117
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 STATE 107241
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: johnsorg
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <16 JUL 2003 by KelleyW0>; APPROVED <18 NOV 2003 by johnsorg>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: US-JAPANESE CONSULTATIONS ON LATIN AMERICA
TAGS: OCON, PFOR, XM, HA, JA, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006